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# Dress for

## Action



*This one-piece coverall will give smart comfort in victory war work*

*Sturdy, attractive uniforms for women at work in the war effort are described by Betty Roth*

**B**EFORE the end of this year every woman, in college or out, will be directing much of her energy and time toward winning the war. The United States Bureau of Home Economics and private clothing concerns have designed work clothes for jobs women will be taking over on the farm, in the factory, in the machine shop, in the laboratory and in the kitchen.

All of these clothes have been designed for work and wear. They are all easy to launder, easy to put on and to fasten up. Many have no buttons, but use snaps and ties instead. They are all suitable to wear now and can be worn in the summer.

The popular trend of work styles is toward slacks. The women of America are demanding them for ambulance courses, Red Cross and industrial work. In some fashion centers slack suits are being worn in soft materials and colors.

Suits are also in demand and are correct for those working in office and personnel positions. Most of the suits have few frills or buttons, straight skirts and are often without collars. Black and navy blue are still favorite colors this spring.

In the kitchen, women want dresses that are trim and crisp-looking but practical and convenient. A

foods preparation dress is designed with shoulder gathers, an underarm inset for easy reaching, a flared, gored skirt, full length front opening with snaps, large pockets and a belt with sliding snap buckle that can be adjusted to individual fit. Seersucker in cool colors is best suited for this dress.

In the mechanics field a special mechanics suit has been designed, a one-piece coverall. Gathers are set in below a shallow back yoke and short sleeves are loosely styled. For easy dressing, the front placket is long and closes with a slide fastener. The belt fits close about the waist and is fastened to a back drop seat. Shaped-in trouser legs keep dirt from collecting on cuffs. Grocery bag pockets hold the things a woman needs and an adjustable cap with a visor tops the costume. This suit is smart in denim or gabardine.

For work in the laboratory an easy-to-slip-into washable dress will save good dresses. One laboratory uniform wraps around and fastens at the back with several strong snap fasteners. The back is bias cut and surplice style so the arms have freedom for laboratory work. The pockets are set high on the chest well out of the way of work level.

For housecleaning a coverall apron gives all-around skirt protection and can be slipped on over a dress. A new inserted belted style has been planned for women who like fitted waistlines. It buttons or snaps down the front and has a pinafore with wide shoulder straps and a square neckline. The straps will not fall off the shoulders. Large pockets to hold everything are on the side front gore.

Seams and finishes are planned for strength, easy ironing and neatness. Snaps save the trouble of making buttonholes and make for a better appearance generally since there are no ugly gaping holes. Chambray has been found one of the best materials used in the making of this dress.

A princess coverall apron, with snaps down the front, has also been designed. Pockets are placed in the front seams so they won't catch or tear.

A culotte has been designed for those who want the convenience of slacks and the attractive appearance of a dress. This culotte is a one-piece outfit, with a loosely styled, easy-fitting blouse.

For industrial jobs and the farm, a jumper slack suit of denim or sturdy cotton is the thing. Since it is a two-piece suit, variety is permitted in change of blouses and shirts.